REMARKS

Claims 17, 21, 38 and 39 were rejected due to informalities that are corrected by the present amendment.

The claims remaining in this application are those that the Examiner indicated as allowable. The claims that have been canceled will be considered for filing a divisional application.

Claims 16-19, 25 and 27 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph as "being incomplete for omitting essential steps."

The Examiner states that the "omitted steps are: in claim 16, the creating, at the computer, the single value to decrypt the encrypted software;..." Claim 16 is amended herein by adding the following step: "creating, at the computer, from the decrypted members of the set of encrypted single values, the single value." This addition provides the necessary linking step pointed out by the Examiner for claim 16.

The omissions in claim 18 and 25 are similarly provided by adding the following step in each of claims 18 and 25: "inspecting the decrypted single values, and if enough are identical." Again this provides the necessary linking step pointed out by the Examiner for claims 18 and 25.
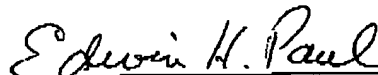
No new matter is added by these amendments as the steps added to claims 16, 18 and 25 are supported at page 5, lines11- 28, and at page 10, lines 15 -20. Other references are found throughout the application.

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